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1. On 11 and 12 September, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Bernau was occupied by an estimated 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Only the southern quartering buildings appeared to have been occupied. On 11 September, 4 trucks carrying 120 to 130 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets drove out of the installation toward the Schoenow training area. 25X1B
- 25X1B Troops were later engaged in rifle and submachine gun firing with live ammunition in the training area. An emergency garage for about 6 vehicles was constructed between the two garages.
- 25X1B Another vehicle shed was established in the southwestern corner of the installation. A T-34/85 tank was parked there. 25X1B

2. Clothing depots I and II were occupied only by a guard detail on 11 and 12 September. The sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. Four trucks were parked in a shop.

3. Between 5 and 14 September, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Bernau was occupied to capacity.

On 11 September, about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets engaged in field training on the Schoenow training grounds. On 10 September, about 150 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets practiced firing on the range at Schmetzdorf.

4. Prior to 14 September, the former SS Briefstaubenstation (pidgeon station) was occupied to capacity, while the clothing depot quartered only a guard detail.

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[] Comment. The statements by the two sources on the strength of troops in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne are contradictory. It is believed that the installation was only partly occupied in early and mid-September 1953; however, with more than 400 troops. Elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div were possibly rotated to the Templin troop training grounds, while other units of the division are committed in Berlin. []
Another source reported all troop quarters in Fernau to have been occupied to capacity at the end of August. []
It is therefore assumed that still on 14 September the SS Prieftaubenstation quartered the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the division. The unidentified AT Artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from clothing depot I may be still carried at Templin on 14 September.

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